

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. EEP-94-40 TF-99-178 TF-99-179 (ECR-96-1)
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued December 16, 1999)

On July 14, 1999, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order setting a procedural schedule to conduct an investigation of Interstate Power Company's (Interstate) proposed modification of its energy efficiency plan and to evaluate the reasonableness and prudence of Interstate's implementation of its energy efficiency plan, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.6(19)"e" (1999). On September 8, 1999, Interstate filed its initial direct testimony in this proceeding. On October 13, 1999, the Board issued an order temporarily suspending the procedural schedule, stating Interstate had not provided testimony that would enable the Board to make a decision. The Board issued an order on November 19, 1999, directing Interstate to file supplemental information and setting a new procedural schedule.

On December 6, 1999, Interstate filed a motion for extension of time. Interstate stated it will need an additional 30 days to supply the information requested by the Board. Interstate proposed to amend the procedural schedule so that the supplemental information will be filed on January 13, 2000. The remainder

of the procedural schedule would be moved back accordingly. Interstate stated the other parties to the proceeding do not object to amending the procedural schedule.

The Board has reviewed Interstate's motion and will grant it. When the Board set this case for hearing, it directed Interstate to refund amounts overcollected for the previous period and, therefore, a slight delay will not prejudice ratepayers. The procedural schedule will be amended as proposed by Interstate with the exception of the dates for hearing and filing briefs. Because of a previous commitment, the Board will not be available on March 13, 2000, the date proposed for the hearing. Therefore, the hearing will be scheduled to commence on March 28, 2000, at 10 a.m., with the time for filing briefs adjusted accordingly.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The motion for extension of time filed by Interstate Power Company on December 6, 1999, is granted, as described in the body of this order.
2. The procedural schedule is amended as follows:
 - a. On or before January 13, 2000, Interstate Power Company shall file the supplemental information identified in Attachment A of the Board's November 19, 1999, order.
 - b. On or before February 14, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice and any intervenors may file rebuttal testimony, with underlying testimony and exhibits.
 - c. On or before February 28, 2000, all parties may file rebuttal testimony to the testimony and exhibits filed on February 14, 2000.

d. A hearing shall be held beginning at 10 a.m. on March 28, 2000.

The hearing shall be held in the Iowa Utilities Board's Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

e. The parties may file simultaneous initial briefs on or before April 8, 2000.

f. All parties who filed initial briefs may file reply briefs on or before April 15, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16th day of December, 1999.